

Roanoke, Town of  
(Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church, Parsonage)  
Roanoke  
Lewis County  
West Virginia

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Location: Roanoke, West Virginia.

Elevation: ca. 1060'.

UTM References as given on the National Register of Historic Places Nomination form:

Zone: 17

Easting: 543900

Northing: 4309110

U.S.G.S. Map: Roanoke, West Virginia, 7.5' (1966 edition, photo revised 1979).

Present Owner (i.e., 1981): Trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church.

For historical information, see ROANOKE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH HABS No. WV-209-A.

For project information and bibliography, see ROANOKE HABS No. WV-209.

For other structures in the Roanoke area, see HABS No.s WV-209-A -S.

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ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION:

General Description: The Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage is a one story three bay rectangular frame (German cove siding) bungalow style structure (Kniffen 1936; Newton 1971) with a medium-pitch gable roof and hipped roof porches at the front and rear.

Exterior Description:

Overall Dimensions: 25'2 1/2" x 36'1".

Foundation: This is composed of 7" x 8" concrete piers; six piers stand along the northeast and southwest sides, and five piers occur along the northwest and southeast sides. Board skirting covered by a rolled asphalt material scored to simulate random-coursed stone covers the area between the sill and the ground; board access doors exist in the skirting at both ends of the northeast and southwest sides of the structure.

Walls: The walls are composed of 5 1/4" German cove siding with corner boards; the siding and corner boards are painted white.

Framing: This is composed of 1 3/4" x 3 3/4" stud walls on 1'4 1/2" centers.

Porch: An 8'2" wide x 22'5" long porch extends across nearly the entire southeast facade of the dwelling; the deck, which is raised above the ground approximately 2', is supported on wood joists by four evenly-spaced 7" x 8" concrete piers and consists of 3 1/2"-4 1/4" tongue and groove boards which are painted medium gray. A hipped roof supported by four unevenly spaced 3 1/2" diameter iron columns roofed with asphalt shingles covers the deck. The deck is reached by ascending four unpainted wooden steps 50 1/2" wide x 10" tread. Risers measure 6 1/2" except for the first step which has a 3 1/2" rise. There is also a 3/4" rise from the top step to the porch deck. Eaves and raking trim on the porch consist of open verges.

A rear porch centered opposite the offset doorway in the northwest elevation measures 6' wide x 15'6" long, and the deck is raised 2'4" above the ground.

The deck rests on three evenly-spaced piers built of three 8" concrete blocks stacked horizontally and is composed of 5 1/4"-5 3/4" boards which are painted medium gray. The hipped roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal; it is supported on the northeast end and in the middle by two 2" x 4" columns. On the southwest end, the roof is nailed into the wall of the cellar house. Steps at both the northeast

and southwest ends of the porch provide access to it; on the northeast side, the open riser stairway consists of three steps that measure 44" in width x 9 1/2" tread x 7" rise plus a riser of 6". On the southwest side, the stairway consists of two steps 37" wide x 9 1/2" tread x 9 1/2" rise plus a 6" riser; the steps are made from solid wooden blocks.

Chimneys: A brick chimney with a belt course is centered on the roof peak.

Roof: The roof is a medium-pitch gable variety built with 2" x 6" rafters on 2' centers without a ridgeboard. It is covered with corrugated sheet metal; eaves trim consists of open verges with a frieze board below; raking trim consists of a fascia board and brackets at the corners.

Interior Description: Room 1 (Room numbers are keyed to floor plan on page 20)

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 11'10" x 14'5"; 9'2" ceiling.

Wallcovering: plaster; painted yellow.

Floorcovering: 9" tile blocks.

Ceiling: plaster; painted white.

TABLE  
Tract 1507 (parsonage): Door Details

Position	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 1 to Exterior	3'1/4" x 6'8"	4 panel; top panel glass (Figure 76)	4" butt	mortise lock; one porcelain and one brass knob; sliding bolt; rim lock dead bolt	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards	yes
Room 1 to Room 2	2'8" x 6'7 1/2"	passageway	—	—	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" mold	no
Room 1 to Room 8	2'8" x 6'8 1/2"	5 panel	3" pin butt (modern)	mortise lock; metal knobs	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" mold	no
Room 2 to Room 3	2'8" x 6'9"	door missing	3" butt (previously)	—	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" mold	no
Room 2 to Room 7	2'8" x 6'8 1/2"	5 panel (Figure 72)	3" pin butt (modern)	mortise lock; metal knobs	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" mold	no
Room 3 to Room 4	2'8" x 6'8 1/4"	door missing	3" butt (previously)	—	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" mold	no
Room 3 to Room 6	2'11 3/4" x 6'8 1/2"	passageway	—	—	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" mold	no
Room 4 to Exterior	2'8" x 6'8"	4 panel; top panel glass	3 1/2" pin butt	mortise lock; metal knobs; sliding bolt	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards	no
Room 5 to Room 6	2'8" x 6'8 3/4"	5 panel	3" pin butt (modern)	mortise lock; metal knobs	2" plain boards	4 1/2" mold	no
Room 6 to Room 7	2'8" x 6'9 1/4"	5 panel	3" pin butt (modern)	mortise lock; knobs missing	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" mold	no
Room 7 to Closet	1'11 1/2" x 6'8 1/4"	5 panel	3" pin butt	mortise lock; metal knobs	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" mold	no

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Position*	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
<b>SOUTHEAST WALL</b>							
Left to right	double hung	28" x 66"	24" x 30"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
	double hung	28" x 66"	24" x 30"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
<b>SOUTHWEST WALL</b>							
Left to right	double hung	28 1/4" x 54"	24 1/8" x 24 1/8"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
	double hung	28" x 66"	24" x 30"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
	double hung	28" x 66"	24" x 30"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
<b>NORTHWEST WALL</b>							
Left to right	single sash (swings inward and up on 2 1/2" butt hinges)	28" x 29 1/4"	24" x 24"	1	lugsill	4" plain board jambs; 4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards

Table (cont.)

Position	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
NORTHWEST WALL (cont.)							
	double hung	28 1/4" x 54"	24 1/8" x 24 1/8"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
	double hung	28 1/4" x 54"	24 1/8" x 24 1/8"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
NORTHEAST WALL							
Left to right	double hung (Figure 74)	28" x 66"	24" x 30"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
	double hung (Figure 74)	28" x 66"	24" x 30"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
	double hung (Figure 74)	28" x 66"	24" x 30"	1/1	lugsill	4 1/2" mold	4 1/2" plain boards; additional cornice header
	single sash	35 1/2" x 31 3/4"	10" x 14"	6	lugsill	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards; jambs; 1" plain board header
	single sash	35 1/2" x 31 3/4"	10" x 14"	6	lugsill	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards; jambs; 1 1/2" board header

Baseboard: 5 1/2" plain board with 1 3/4" ogee cap molding; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection along northwest wall.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch adjacent to door on southeast wall; duplex outlets on southwest wall and in floor adjacent to northeast wall.

#### Interior Description: Room 2

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 12'3" x 14'1"; 9' ceiling.

Wallcovering: plaster; painted yellow.

Floorcovering: 9" tile blocks.

Ceiling: 1' accoustical tile; cove molding around edges of ceiling.

Baseboard: 5 1/2" plain board with 1 3/4" ogee cap molding; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection at southeast end of fireplace; fireplace; stove connection above fireplace.

Fireplace: brick; coal burning grate; 1'3" x 3'9" concrete hearth; 1'10" wide x 2'4" high x 8" deep firebox; wooden mantle.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch on southeast wall adjacent to door; duplex outlet on northwest wall.

#### Interior Description: Room 3

Function: hallway.

Dimensions: 3'2 1/4" x 4'3"; 9'2" ceiling.

Wallcovering: plaster; painted cream.

Floorcovering: 9" tile blocks.

Ceiling: plaster; painted white.

Baseboard: 5 1/2" plain board with 1 3/4" ogee cap molding; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: none.

#### Interior Description: Room 4

Function: kitchen.

Dimensions: 10' x 10'6"; 9'2" ceiling.

Wallcovering: plaster; painted yellow; lower 4'1 1/2" covered with white-painted hardboard scored to simulate 4" tile.

Floorcovering: 9" tile blocks.

Ceiling: 3 1/4" beaded boards with molding around edges of ceiling; attic access in southwest corner (1' x 1'10"); painted white.

Baseboard: 5 1/4" plain board with rounded top edge; painted white.

Heating: gas connection on southeast wall.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: sink unit toward northwest end of the northeast wall; water heater in southeast corner.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch on northwest wall adjacent to door; duplex outlets at countertop height on southwest, northwest, northeast and southeast walls and above baseboard on southwest wall.

Interior Description: Room 5

Function: bedroom.

Dimensions: 5'3" x 7'6"; 8'10" ceiling.

Wallcovering: plaster; painted blue; lower 4'1 1/2" covered with white-painted hardboard scored to simulate 4" tile.

Floorcovering: linoleum.

Ceiling: hardboard with cove molding around edges of ceiling; painted white.

Baseboard: 5 1/2" plain board with rounded top edge; painted white.

Heating: gas connection along northwest wall.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: lavatory and bathtub along southeast wall; toilet along southwest side of northwest wall.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch beneath medicine cabinet which is directly above the lavatory.

Interior Description: Room 6

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 10' x 12'5"; 9' ceiling.

Wallcovering: plaster; painted light green.

Floorcovering: 3 1/2" stained tongue and groove pine boards covered with a rug.

Ceiling: 1'4" x 2'8" accoustical tile with cove molding around edges of ceiling.

Baseboard: 6" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection along northwest wall.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch on southeast wall adjacent to door to Room 3; duplex outlet on northwest wall.

Interior Description: Room 7

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 12'2" x 12'5"; 9' ceiling.

Wallcovering: plaster; painted light blue.

Floorcovering: 3 1/2" tongue and groove pine boards; dark-stained.

Ceiling: 1'4" x 2'8" accoustical tile with cove molding around edges of ceiling.

Baseboard: 6" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: fireplace; gas connection on southeast side of fireplace.

Fireplace: coal burning grate; 1'10 1/4" wide x 2'4 1/4" high x 7 1/2" deep firebox; 1'4" x 3'7 1/2" concrete hearth; wooden mantle .

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch on northwest wall of chimney; duplex outlet on southeast wall.

Interior Description: Room 8

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 11'10" x 12'1 1/2"; 9' ceiling.



Wallcovering: plaster; painted lavender.

Floorcovering: 3 1/2" tongue and groove pine boards; dark-stained.

Ceiling: hardboard with cove molding around edges of ceiling; painted white.

Baseboard: 7 3/4" plain board; quarter round shoe; painted white.

Heating: gas connection along northwest wall.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch on northeast wall adjacent to door; duplex outlets on northeast and northwest walls.

Outbuildings: Cellar House

General Description: A modern frame (Room 2) cellar house with a gable roof and a concrete block foundation (Room 1) is situated immediately behind (i.e., northwest of) the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage and is offset to the southwest.

Exterior Description

Overall Dimensions: Room 1, 10'8 1/2" x 13'11"; Room 2, 10'8 1/2" x 15'6 1/2".

Foundation: The visible portion of the foundation is composed of eight courses of 8" concrete blocks.

Walls: The walls of Room 1 are composed of 8" concrete block; Room 2 is of frame construction covered with rolled asphalt siding scored to simulate random stone (the same material used between the wall sills of the parsonage and the ground surface).

Framing: This is composed of 2" x 4" studs on 1'4" centers.

Porch: Nearly opposite the Room 4 to exterior door of the parsonage there is a 3'8 1/2" long x 3'4 1/2" wide deck composed of seven 6 1/2" boards which are painted medium gray and which are carried on wood joists; access to the deck is from a stairway composed of six steps painted medium gray and which have a 42" width x 9 1/2" tread x 8 1/4" rise plus a 6" riser. The deck is supported by four 4" x 4" posts that extend through the porch deck to support a shed roof covered with 20" on center raised seam sheet metal roofing.

Chimneys: none.

Roof: The roof is a medium-pitch gable variety with 10" on center raised seam sheet metal roofing; eaves and raking trim consist of open verges.

Interior Description: Room 1

Function: utility area.

Dimensions: 9'5 1/2" x 12'8 1/2"; 6'11" ceiling.

Wallcovering: concrete blocks; unfinished.

Floorcovering: concrete; unpainted.

Ceiling: exposed 2" x 8" floor joists of the second floor on 2' centers; unfinished.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: pump and water pressure tank.

Lighting and Electricity: connection for pump.

Interior Description: Room 2

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 10' x 14'10 1/2"; 7' ceiling.

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Tract 1507 (cellar house): Door Details

Position	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 1 to Exterior	24" x 67"	hollow core	3 1/8" T-strap	hasp	2" plain boards	2" plain boards	yes
Room 2 to Exterior	26" x 63"	6 panel (top three of these are vertical glass)	3 1/2" pin butt	mortise lock; metal knobs	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards	no
Room 2 to Closet	28" x 63 1/2"	5 panel (same as in dwelling)	3 1/2" pin butt	mortise lock; metal knobs	3" plain boards	—	no

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Position	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
SOUTHWEST WALL First Floor	single sash	14" x 29 1/2"	9" x 26"	1	slip	--	3" jambst; 4 1/2" plain boards
	double hung	28 1/4" x 34"	24 1/2" x 24"	1/1	lug	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards
NORTHWEST WALL Second Floor	double hung	28 1/4" x 54"	7 3/4" x 24" (upper) 28 1/4" x 24" (lower)	3/1	lug	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards

Wallcovering: drywall; painted light green.  
Floorcovering: 5" pine boards; unpainted.  
Ceiling: drywall; painted white.  
Baseboard: 4 1/2" plain board; painted white.  
Heating: none.  
Fireplace: none.  
Plumbing: none.  
Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture with pullcord.

Site:

General Setting and Orientation :                      The Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage is located on the northwest side of West Virginia County Route 23/5 (the old Weston and Gauley Bridge Turnpike) between the Methodist Church                      on the northeast and the former Dr. M. E. Whelan property                      on the southwest. The structure sits back from the road ca. 34'.

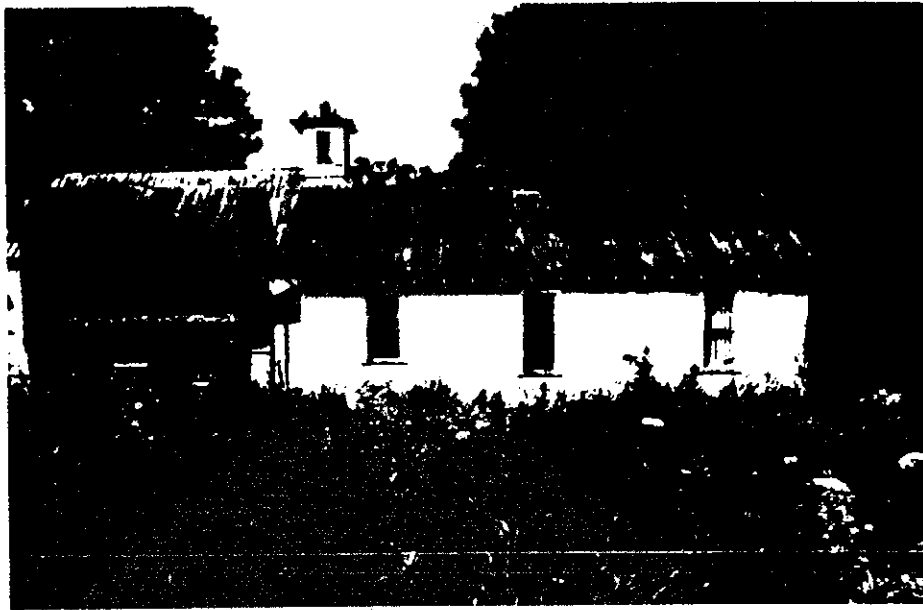
Historic Landscape Design: A walnut (*Juglans* sp.) tree stands northwest of the cellar house, while a single rose (*Rosa* sp.) bush is found at the south corner of the property. A partial sandstone walkway (2'4" wide) leads from near the road to the front porch (i.e., southeast elevation), and another similar walkway (ca. 3' wide) leads from the rear porch (i.e., northwest elevation) to the front door (i.e., southeast elevation) of the adjacent church.



Perspective control photograph of the southeast elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. Note church at right.



Perspective control photograph of the southeast and southwest elevations of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. Note cellar house at left.



Perspective control photograph of the southwest elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. Note cellar house at left and church in the background.



Perspective control photograph of the southwest and a portion of the northwest elevations of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. At left is the cellar house on the same tract.



Perspective control photograph of the northwest elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. Note the exterior steps to the second floor of the cellar house.



Perspective control photograph of the northwest and northeast elevations of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. Note cellar house at right.



Porch attached to the northwest elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church and the cellar house as they appeared in 1981.



Perspective control photograph of the northeast elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981.





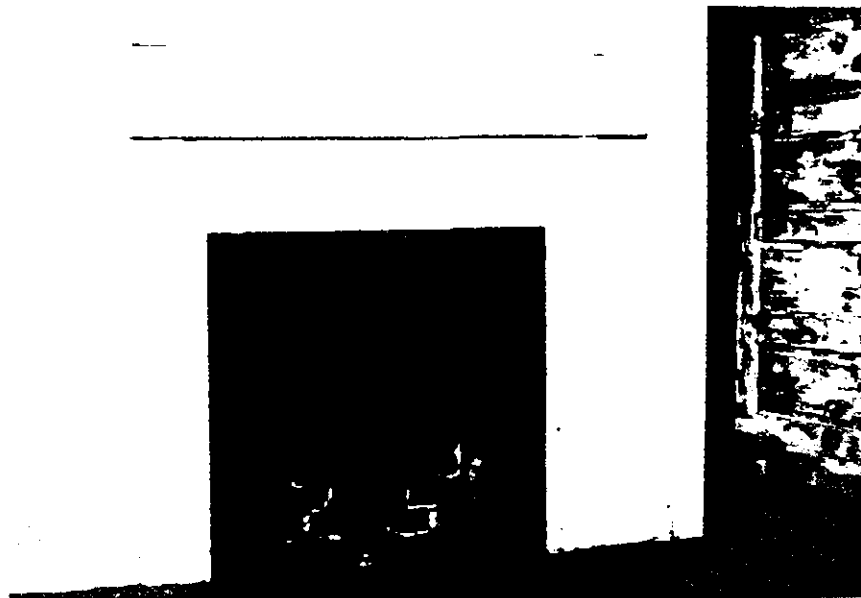
Perspective control photograph of the northeast and southeast elevations of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. The porch attached to the southeast elevation is clearly visible, and it fronts on the old Weston and Gauley Bridge Turnpike (County Route 23/5).



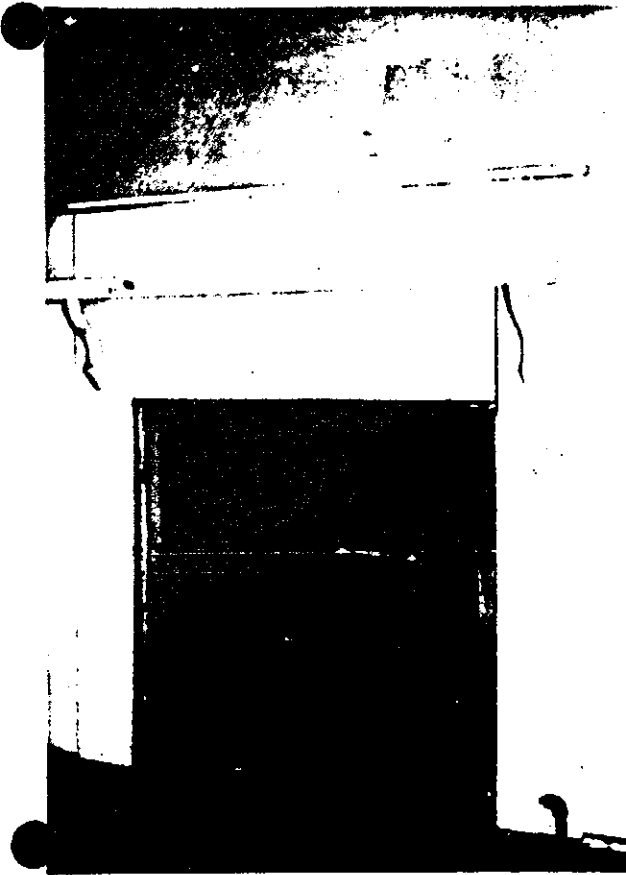
Close-up of porch attached to the southeast elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. Note piers and steps as well as details of roof construction.



Close-up of corner boards and German cove siding at the east corner of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. Note the eaves and the gable bracket detail which is typical for this structure.



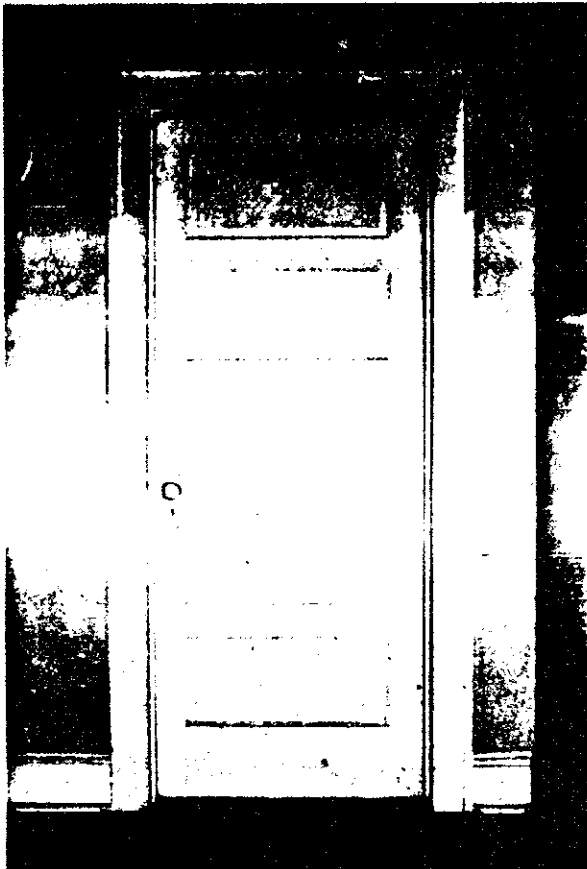
Close-up of the fireplace in Room 2 of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. Note simple mantle, The doorway connecting Room 2 to Room 7 is visible at right.



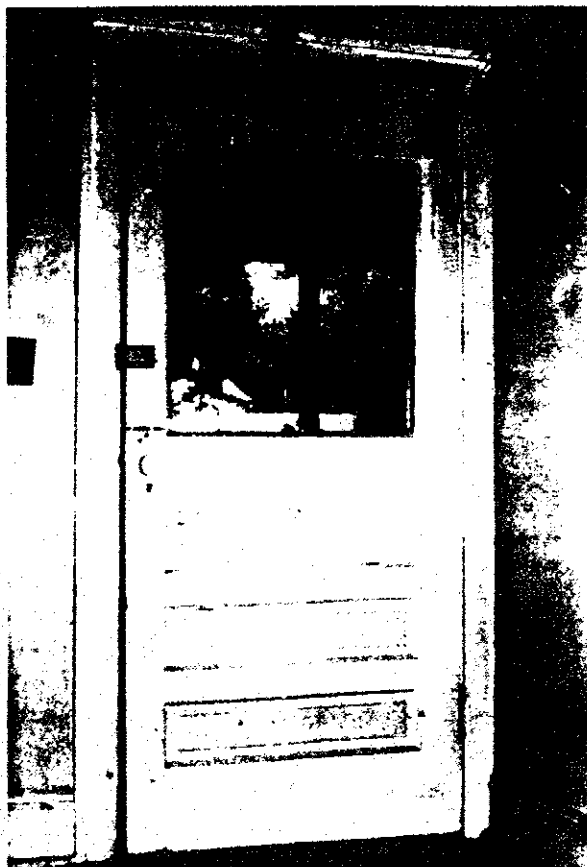
Close-up of the fireplace in Room 7 of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. Note simple mantle and gas pipe at bottom right.



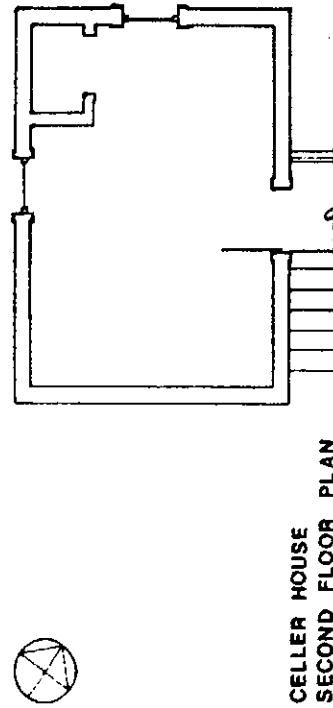
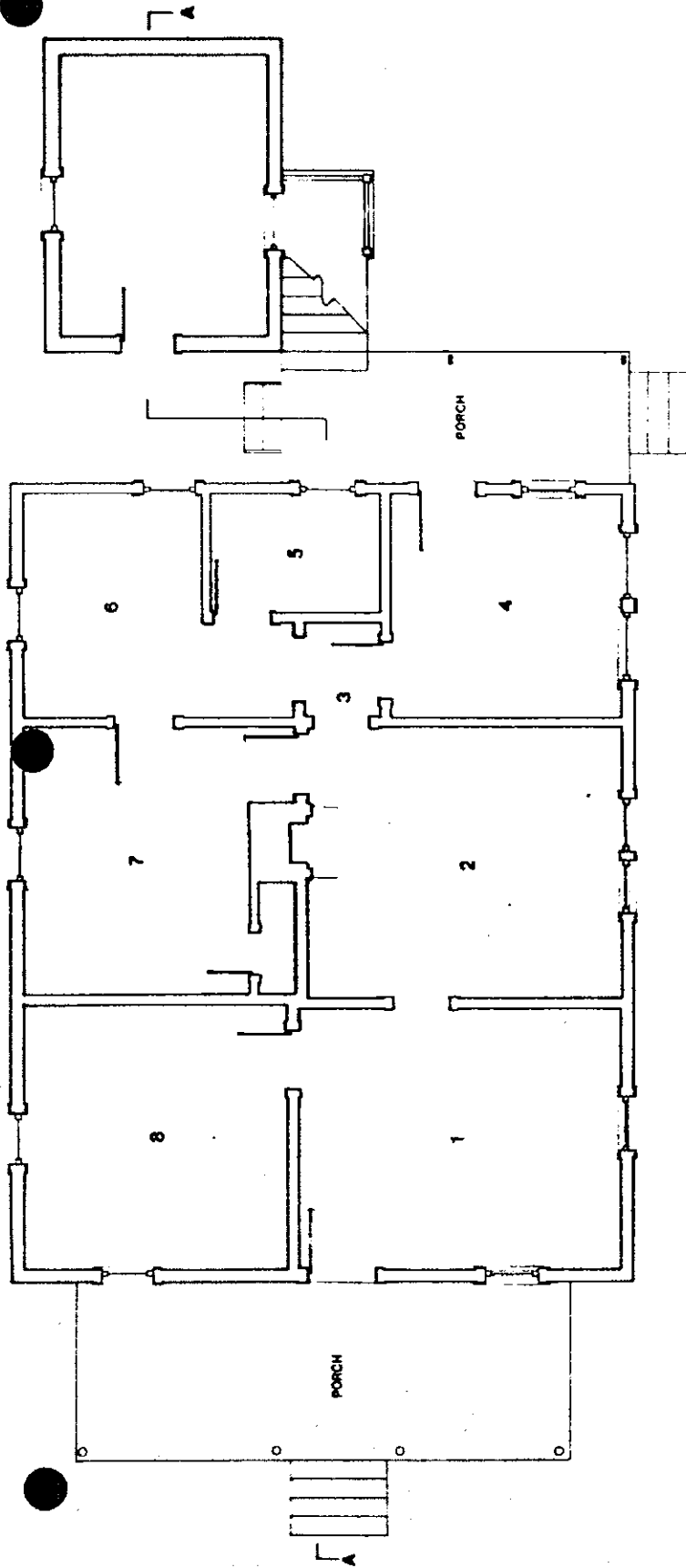
Close-up of a typical double hung sash window in the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage in 1981. This window is in the northeast elevation of Room 1.



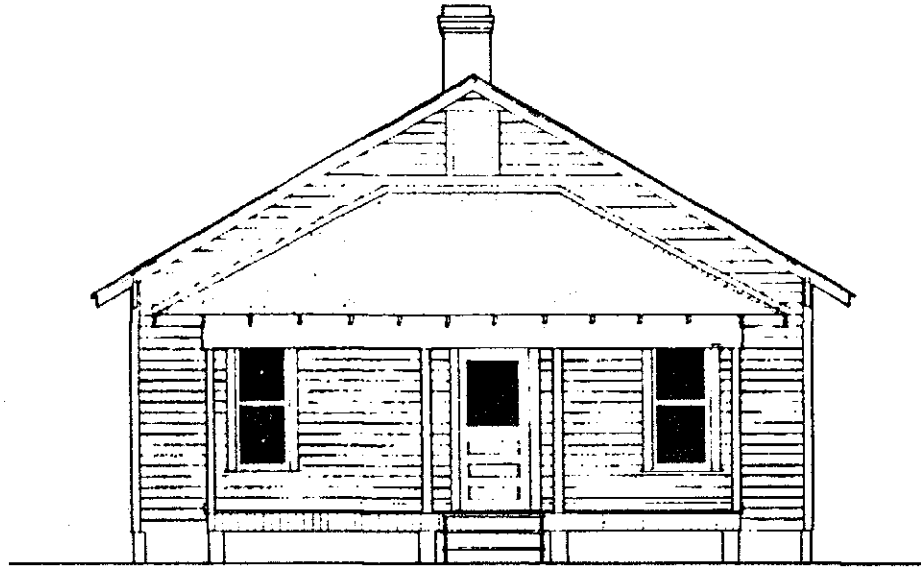
Close-up of a typical  
interior door in the Roanoke Methodist  
Protestant Church parsonage in 1981.



Close-up of the interior of  
the front door in the southeast eleva-  
tion of the Roanoke Methodist  
Protestant Church parsonage in 1981.



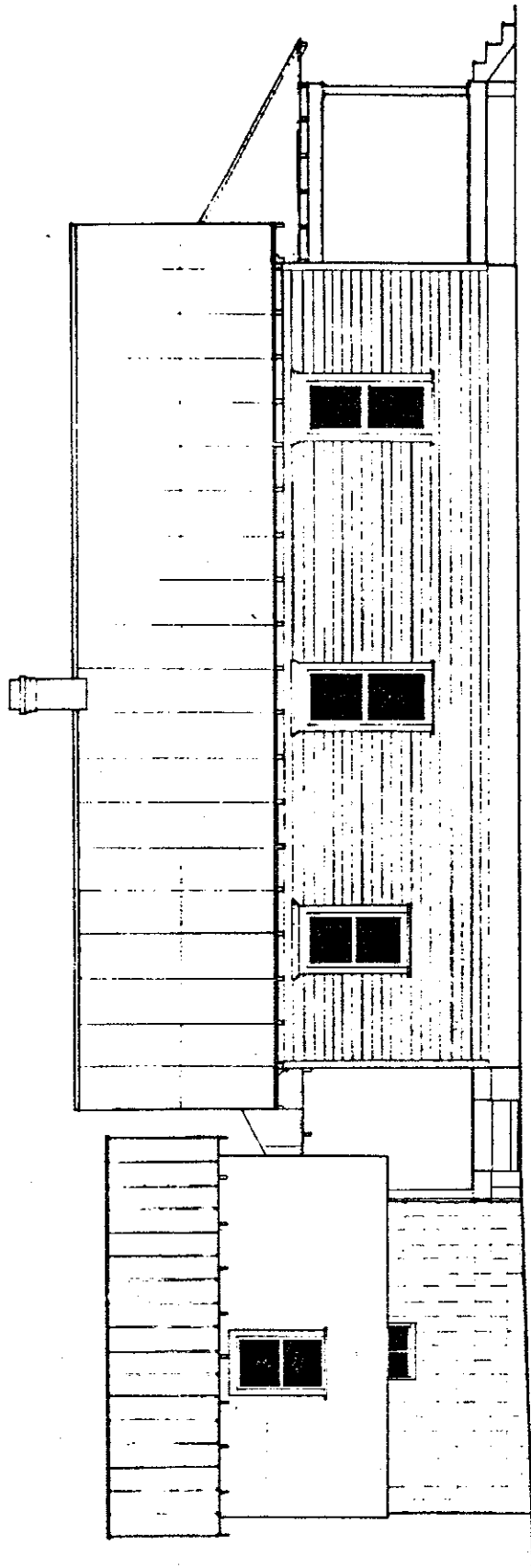
Floor plan of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage as well as first and second floor plans of the cellar house on the tract.



SOUTHEAST ELEVATION



Southeast elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage.



SOUTHWEST ELEVATION  
1 2 3 4 5 10'

Southwest elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage.

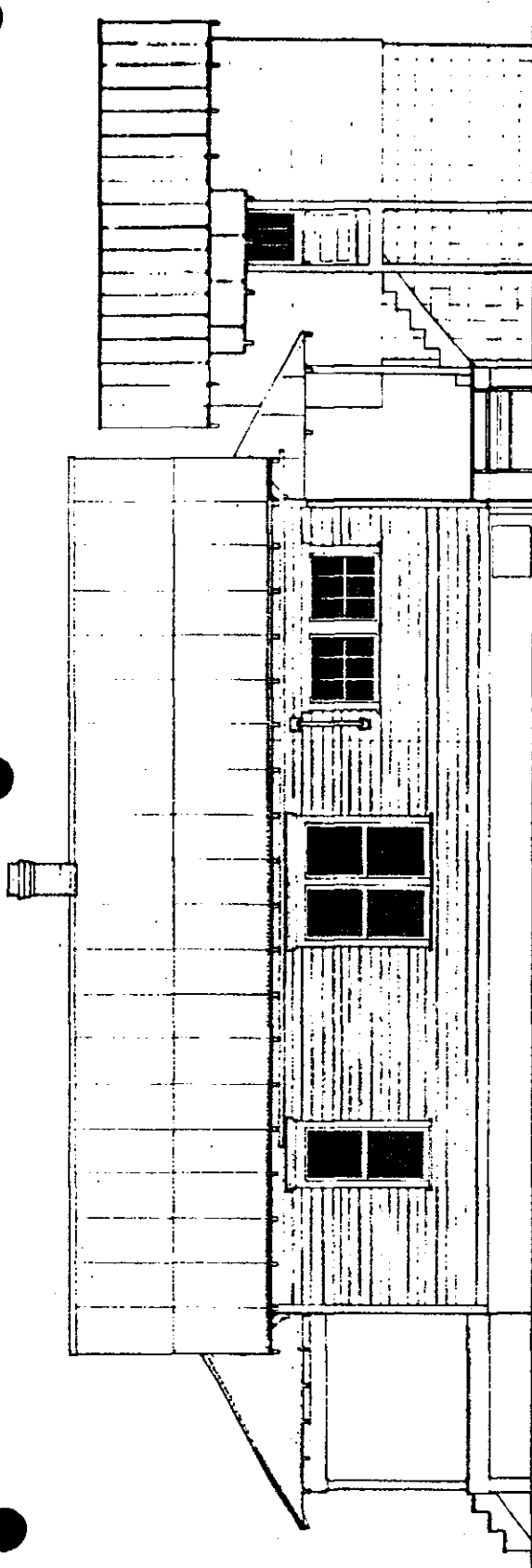


**NORTHWEST ELEVATION**



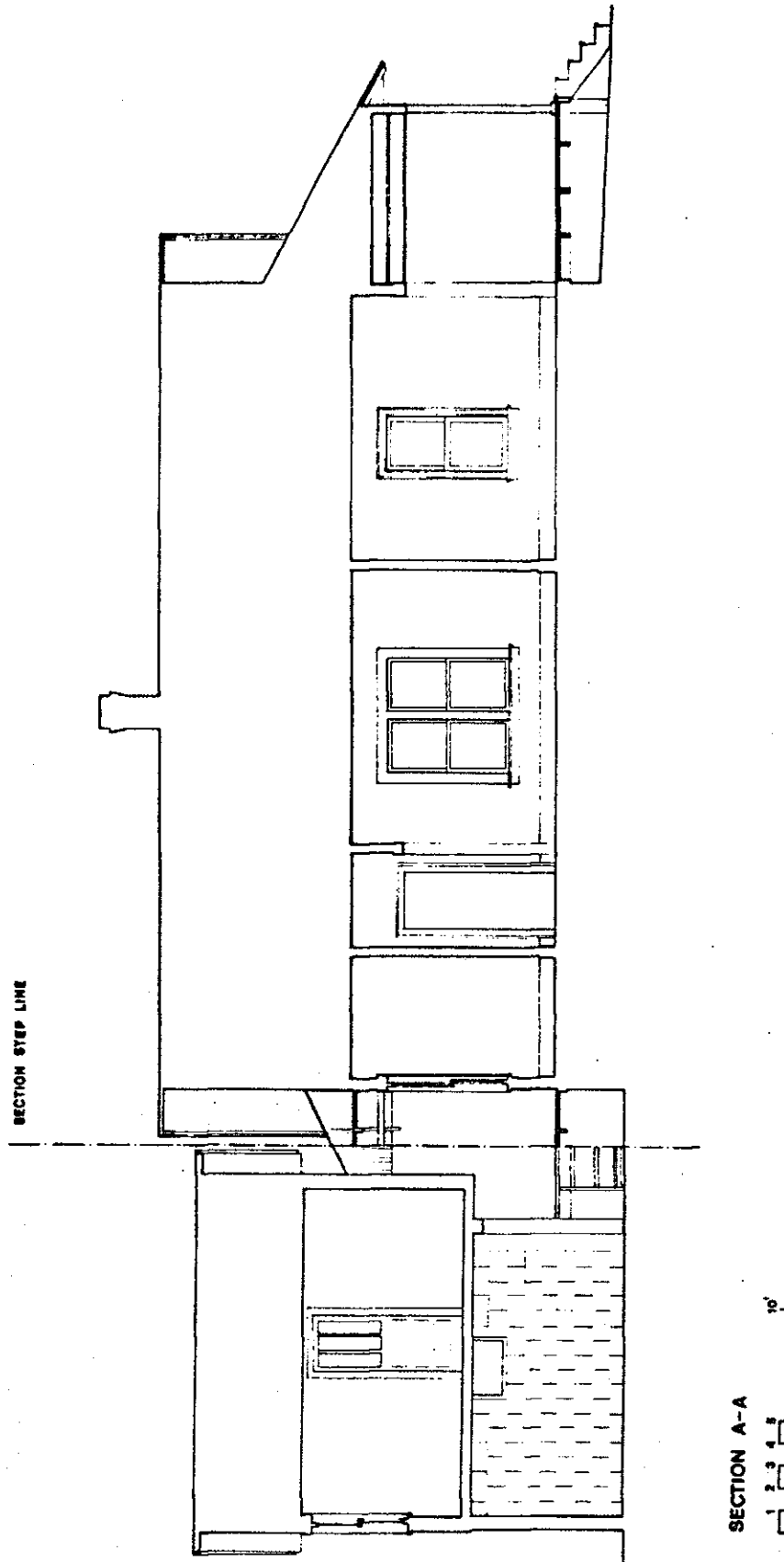
Northwest elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage.



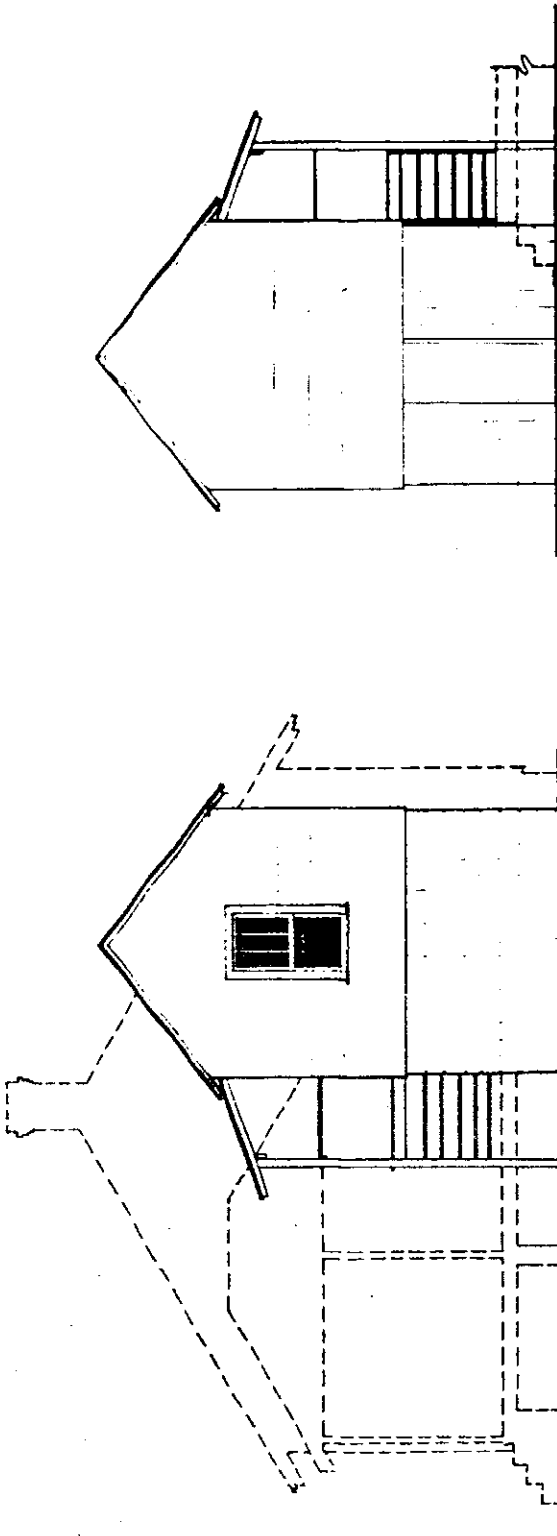


NORTHEAST ELEVATION  
1 2 3 4 5 10'

Northeast elevation of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage.



Longitudinal section (A-A) through the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church parsonage.



NORTHWEST ELEVATION  
CELLER HOUSE



SOUTHEAST ELEVATION  
CELLER HOUSE

Northwest and southeast elevations of the Roanoke Methodist Protestant Church  
parsonage cellar house.